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Press Release

On 8 August 2019, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, attended the inauguration ceremony of the new ASEAN Secretariat building in Jakarta, Indonesia, together with other Foreign Ministers and representatives of ASEAN Member States.

The inauguration of the new ASEAN Secretariat Building was presided over by H.E. Joko WIDODO, President of Indonesia and ambassadors of ASEAN and Dialogue Partners.

On that occasion, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn also attended the 52nd Anniversary of ASEAN. The celebrations included the placement of a time capsule containing the aspirations and wishes of ASEAN Leaders. The messages expressed their hopes and expectations for the ASEAN Community Building process as well as the future direction for the well-being and prosperity of ASEAN people for the next 25 years. These messages will be opened in 2042 when the ASEAN Community is 75 year old. H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also took the opportunity to contribute commemorative artwork to the new ASEAN Gallery.

The construction of the new ASEAN Secretariat building began in January 2018 and was completed in December 2018, costing USD42.5 Million. With expanded and state of the art facilities and infrastructure, the building will have the capacity to facilitate and support the full operations and functions of ASEAN as well as host ASEAN-related meetings. This milestone reaffirms ASEAN's dynamism and ambition in strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat to reflect the advancement of the ASEAN Community. ៖

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